

National Program to Increase Citizen Participation in Jury Service

**State of the States
Local Court Survey**

Court: _____

Date: _____

County in which court is located:

State:

1. Current Status of Local Jury Improvement/Jury Reform Efforts

- A. Is there currently or has there been a jury improvement/reform effort in this court in the past five years? Yes / No

If yes, please describe how this effort has been implemented and the contact information for the person organizing this effort.

- B. Is there a local court committee or office concerned with managing or overseeing jury management? Yes / No

If yes, please describe the committee composition (e.g., trial judges, court staff, lawyers, citizens) and contact information for the committee chairperson.

1. Please indicate any current or ongoing jury improvement efforts in this court.

- ☐ Improve the representation in jury pool
- ☐ Improve jury yields
- ☐ Decrease incidence of non-respondents
- ☐ Improve jury facilities
- ☐ Upgrade jury system technology
- ☐ Improve juror utilization
- ☐ Improve juror comprehension (in-court reforms)
- ☐ Improve jury instructions
- ☐ Improve public outreach
- ☐ Other _____

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2. Court Practices (MASSACHUSETTS ONLY)

A. Approximately how many juries are impaneled each year?

Felony: _____

Misdemeanor _____

Civil _____

Other _____

B. Does your court routinely screen prospective jurors for English language proficiency?

Yes / No

If yes, please describe the procedures used?

C. What accommodations does your court provide for prospective jurors with disabilities?

☐ Assisted language devices

☐ Sign language interpreters

☐ Wheelchair ramps

☐ Other (please describe) _____

D. What is the typical length of voir dire in hours?

Capital Felony: _____

Non-capital felony: _____

Misdemeanor: _____

Civil: _____

Name and Title of Survey Respondent: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-Mail: _____

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